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1 Overview

Language family: Uralic (Finnic)
Countries: Estonia
Number of speakers: 1.1 million
Agreement features: number, person
Attested word orders: SV
Coordination types: and, or

(The data were entered by a native speaker via an online survey.)

2 Patterns for number

2.1 Coordination with “and”

2.1.1 SV order

Pattern: The number on the verb is plural in all cases.

1st conjunct \ 2nd conjunct	sg	pl
sg	pl	pl
pl	pl	pl

Examples:

- (1) Poiss ja mees jooksevad.
boy.SG and man.SG run.3PL
‘The boy and the man run.’
- (2) a. Poisid ja mees jooksevad.
boy.PL and man.SG run.3PL
‘The boys and the man run.’
b. Poiss ja mehed jooksevad.
boy.SG and man.PL run.3PL
‘The boy and the men run.’
- (3) Poisid ja mehed jooksevad.
boy.PL and man.PL run.3PL
‘The boys and the men run.’

2.2 Coordination with “or”

2.2.1 SV order

Pattern: With two singular conjuncts, the verb is singular. If the two conjuncts mismatch in number, number is resolved to plural.

1st conjunct \ 2nd conjunct	sg	pl
sg	sg	pl
pl	pl	pl

Examples:

- (4) Poiss või mees jookseb.
boy.SG or man.SG run.3SG
‘The boy or the man run.’
- (5) a. Poisid või mees jooksevad.
boy.PL or man.SG run.3PL
‘The boys or the man run.’
b. Poiss või mehed jooksevad.
boy.SG or man.PL run.3PL
‘The boy or the men run.’

- (6) Poisid vői mehed jooksevad.
 boy.PL or man.PL run.3PL
 ‘The boys or the men run.’

3 Patterns for person

3.1 Coordination with “and”

3.1.1 SV order

Pattern: In all cases person is resolved to first person. (Note: number is resolved to plural.)

1st conjunct \ 2nd conjunct	1	2	3
1		1pl	1pl
2	1pl		
3	1pl		

Examples:

- (7) a. Sina ja mina jookseme.
 you and I run.1PL
 ‘You and I run.’
 b. Mina ja sina jookseme.
 I and you run.1PL
 ‘I and you run.’
- (8) Nemad ja meie jookseme.
 they and we run.1PL
 ‘They and we run.’

3.2 Coordination with “or”

3.2.1 SV order

Pattern: In all cases every conjunct has its own verb form, thus individual conjunct agreement takes place.

1st conjunct \ 2nd conjunct	1	2	3
1		1/2sg	1/3pl
2	1/2sg		
3	1/3pl		

Examples:

- (9) a. Sina jooksed vői jooksen mina.
 you run.2SG or run.1SG I
 ‘You or I run.’
 b. Mina jooksen vői jooksed sina.
 I run.1SG or run.2SG you
 ‘I or you run.’

- (10) a. Meie jookseme või jooksevad nemad.
we run.1PL or run.3PL they
'We or they run.'
- b. Nemad jooksevad või jookseme meie.
they run.3PL or run.1PL we
'They or we run.'